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Re: U. S. Patent Application  
Based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/504,080, filed September 19,  
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Applicant : Todd M. Bjork et al.  
Serial No : 10/698,744  
Filed : October 31, 2003  
For : SURGICAL SUPPORT ARM DOCKING APPARATUS  
Our File : M81.12-0066

Dear Todd:

Enclosed for your records, please find another copy of a Status Inquiry which we have requested the status of the above-identified patent application.

When we hear further, we will let you know.

Yours very truly,

Z. Peter Sawicki

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Sir:

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Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application by checking the appropriate boxes below and providing the information requested.

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Application Serial No. 10/698,744 is currently assigned to Group 3732

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Respectfully submitted,

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